

February 14, 2022 - COVID-19 Mandate Protest Operational Impact

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<i>Situational Report</i>
COVID-19 Mandate Protests Operational Impacts
February 14, 2022 – 1600 ET

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Background

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On January 15, 2022, an Order of Council (OIC) was put in place to mandate vaccinations for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. As a result, commercial truck drivers around the country have organized and started protesting outside port of entries (POEs) by blocking roads and slowing traffic, along with a convoy of commercial vehicles headed towards Ottawa to protest outside Parliament.

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Bottom Line

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Ambassador Bridge

- ~ As of 1355 ET, CBSA has issued resumption of service messaging to commercial clients/the commercial community (including importers, brokers, and carriers) that normal operations have now resumed at the Ambassador Bridge port of entry, which recently experienced a service disruption.
- ~ It is advised that the Ambassador Bridge can only be accessed from:
 - ~ Huron Church Northbound lanes from the Herb Gray Parkway/401.
 - ~ Wyandotte Street either Westbound or Eastbound.

Peace Bridge

- ~ As of 1500 ET, Peace Bridge has been fully reopened for US bound Traffic just over 3 hours ago and it has been incident free.
- ~ The QEW is fully opened and the PBA is not currently staging vehicles prior to crossing the Peace Bridge into Canada.
- ~ Town of Fort Erie vehicles and Niagara Regional Police Services (NRPS) are no longer blocking access to any exits or intersection.
- ~ PBA vehicles are no longer blocking access within the Peace Bridge complex.

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Emerson

- As of 1327 ET, POE advises that the blockade remains in place. RCMP continue to provide updates but no major developments have been made. RCMP have indicated there was a reduction in vehicles at the protest blockade site. Traffic volumes are very low. Commercial vehicles are being returned to the US and some passenger vehicles released through secondary roads.
- Prairie Region will extend hours of Neche (Gretna) and Lancaster (Tolstoi) to 22:00 tonight.

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Coutts

- RCMP search warrant was executed on the property and trailer near protest location last night. The search resulted in 11 arrests along with the seizure of 13 long guns, 2 handguns, a few ballistic vests, a machete and an excessive amount of ammo. Some of the vehicles seized by the RCMP last night have been moved into the CBSA parking lot.
- RCMP is sending resources to Carway/Del Bonita for possible blockade / Sheriffs available to assist.

Updated hours of operations for Prairie Region

Alberta

- Regular Travellers:
- Del Bonita (0900 – 2200 MT) Mon - Fri
- Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week
- Commercial Traffic:
- Roosevelt, BC
- North Portal, SK

Manitoba

- Regular Travellers:
- Tolstoi (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Gretna (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Boissevain (24/7)
- Sprague (24/7)
- Commercial Traffic:
- Boissevain and Sprague

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Pacific Highway

- Update as of 1300 ET: Demonstration continues near the POE with about 20-30 participants gathered in-between 2nd and 4th Ave & 176th Street.
- Surrey RCMP and Surrey PD are still on site and monitoring the peaceful protest
- No impact to CBSA operations at this time.

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Upcoming Protests Events

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ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned CONFIRMED	Planned UNCONFIRMED
• Peace Bridge – Protest in Area • Windsor – Ambassador Bridge – South of POE • Sarnia – Protest in Area (Hwy 402 east of		<u>February 14-15</u> • Surrey BC (Departing Feb 14, arriving in Surrey Feb 15) ~ <u>February 19</u> • Lacolle, QUE • Osoyoos, BC (Feb 19-21)

Sarnia) ~ Emerson – North of POE ~ Coutts – North of POE ~ Pacific Highway – North of POE ~ Paterson – North of POE ~ Overseas ~ New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests ~ France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium) ~ Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests		~ <u>Unknown date</u> ~ SOR Rail blockade ~ North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MB ~ USA ~ Rally at Coachella Valley in Indio, CA for March 4-5, Followed by a 'freedom' convoy (route unknown)
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Protestors Identified at Port of Entry - last updated on February 13, 1730

~ Reports received from CBSA POEs regarding Enhance Vigilance Exams of potential protestors:

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3		~	Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3	~	Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2	~	~	2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Prescott, NOR	1	1	~	~	1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC

Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1	1~	1	U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Fort Erie, SOR	1	2	1~	2	1~	Feb 13: Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.
Total	17	31	22	5	4	1~

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Atlantic Region

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- 1~ No disruption to operation or traffic reported

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Quebec Region

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Lacolle:

- 1~ As of 1315 ET, the region continues to monitor social media information regarding planned protests for the weekend of Feb 18, 19, 20, with an event at Lacolle POE on Feb 19, 2022. Local Police (SQ) and US CBP were contacted.
- 1~ As of 14:40 ET, US CBP confirms that there are no protests to be held on their territory on February 19th, 2022.

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Northern Ontario Region

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Sault Ste. Marie

- As of 1400 ET, demonstrators continue to wave at vehicles driving by. Police vehicles are in proximity and monitoring.

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Greater Toronto Area Region

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- 1~ No disruption to operation or traffic reported

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Southern Ontario Region

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Passage count week by week comparison (updated February 14, 2022 1030 ET)

SOR Commercial Conveyance Count

# Passages (Commercial Conveyances)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	3,554	4,864	4,365	3,385	4,389	2,597	1,189	1,728	5	0	0	0	0	0
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2,117	2,828	2,182	1,937	2,460	1,277	622	2,663	4,845	5,119	4,894	4,397	4,276	1,509
Fort Erie Commercial	1,258	1,762	1,832	1,260	1,539	705	386	1,362	2,009	2,241	2,526	2,345	1,040	350
Niagara Queenston Commercial	1,168	1,186	1,440	1,017	1,152	321	262	1,213	1,372	1,914	1,964	2,012	694	301
Commercial Conveyance Total	8,097	10,840	9,819	7,599	9,540	4,900	2,459	6,966	8,231	9,274	9,384	8,754	6,030	2,160
Difference								-14%	-24%	-6%	23%	23%	-12%	-29%
								-1,131	-2,609	-545	1,785	-786	1,110	-299

SOR Traveller Conveyance Count

# Passages (Non-Commercial Conveyances)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-02	2022-02-03	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	1,825	1,873	1,040	872	1,544	902	948	611	15	21	16	6	0	0
Windsor Tunnel	2,711	3,058	1,893	1,551	2,631	1,303	1,182	4,029	4,462	4,823	4,762	4,834	2,447	1,991
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	566	550	279	331	716	514	525	578	394	380	483	604	460	510
Fort Erie Traveller	1,164	1,085	1,017	641	1,049	890	1,220	1,140	998	969	930	1,351	813	928
Niagara Queenston Bridge Travellers	543	416	416	284	512	531	579	491	445	452	586	718	562	593
Rainbow Bridge Traveller	339	278	263	179	302	323	359	334	301	381	463	538	591	501
Non-Commercial Conveyance Total	7,148	7,260	4,710	3,858	6,754	4,463	4,813	7,181	6,615	7,026	7,244	8,051	4,873	4,525
Difference								0%	-9%	49%	88%	19%	9%	-6%
								35	-645	2,316	3,386	1,297	412	-288

Ambassador Bridge

- As of 1500 ET, Provincial liaison team and WPS are visiting businesses in the affected area to ensure they are informed and included
- The Wyandotte St entrance to the Bridge has been opened by OPP.
- Message has been sent to the Canadian Trucking Alliance with regard to instructions for carriers currently trying to get on or off the bridge.

Map of Ambassador Bridge Vicinity showing impacted areas



Peace Bridge

- As of 1500 ET, Police are no longer blocking Central Avenue as previously reported on the 1100Hrs report.
- No protesters or protest activity observed around the general Peace Bridge area or the large parking lot on Highway 3.
- Rainbow Bridge and Queenston bridge areas are clear of any protest activity.

Queenston Bridge

- ~ As of 1500 ET, US bound commercial traffic high and is half way across the bridge.
- ~ Canada bound commercial traffic volumes low and posing no operational impact.

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Prairie Region

Combined Conveyance Counts (as some small POEs do not differentiate between commercial or travellers)

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# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Coutts Travellers	83	92	58	15	20	50	18	0
Coutts Commercial*	154	196	161	0	12	20	9	0
Emerson Travellers	87	98	57	91	34	19	34	23
Emerson Commercial	337	438	649	771	63	0	2	2
Del Bonita	0	61	64	255	336	287	69	105
Carway	97	62	31	67	87	78	149	165
Aden	6	1	4	8	6	6	10	2
Other Commercial POEs								
Regway	44	59	75	78	73	70	39	39
Roosville	127	91	89	125	161	142	92	92
North Portal Travellers	40	43	44	38	52	48	48	48
North Portal Commercial	305	259	291	427	452	294	416	416
Sprague	28	64	71	64	117	123	110	110
Boissevain	35	112	123	146	193	148	78	78

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Coutts

- As of 1300 ET, region reports that there is no change at all in the POE.
- POE is hearing there will be potential protest activity near Del Bonita and Carway. Additional police resources going to monitor those situations.
- RCMP search warrant was executed on the property and trailer near protest location last night. The search resulted in 11 arrests along with the seizure of 13 long guns, 2 handguns, a few ballistic vests, a machete and an excessive amount of ammo. Some of the vehicles seized by the RCMP last night have been moved into the CBSA parking lot.
- Excavators were disabled by the RCMP at the protest site this weekend. Mechanic is being brought in by blockaders to work on excavators today to move out of area today – will be monitored. Coutts organizers are very upset about the disabling of the excavators. Quoted as saying 'now they have a war' and view the police as having fired the first shot.
- RCMP is sending resources to Carway/Del Bonita for possible blockade / Sheriffs available to assist.

Emerson

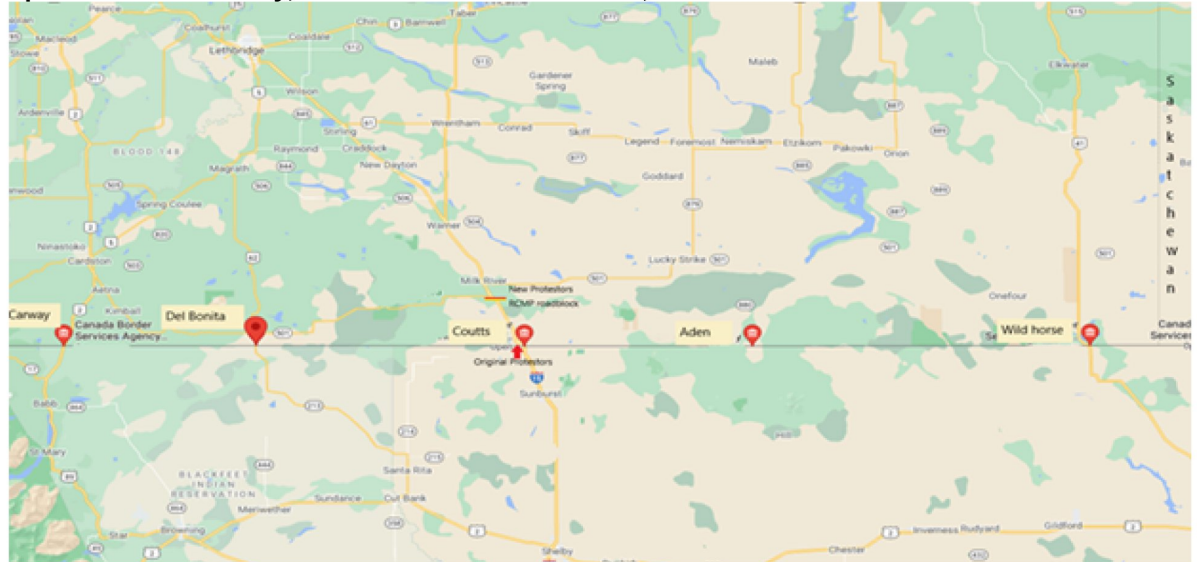
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- Trucks are slowly starting to line up southbound at outports (Monday Tuesday Wednesday are US CBP's busiest days)
- Will extend hours of Neche (Gretna) and Lancaster (Tolstoi) to 22:00 tonight
- Region reports that the Emergency Measures Act will be invoked so police will have more powers available to them (this is not confirmed)

North Portal

- RCMP are advising of a potential protest starting Thursday night or Friday at North Portal. They have requested some access to POE facilities for a command post. IBET was at 12 POE's last night – nothing to report
- We have offered them our traffic secondary building and training room. We still maintain a drive in exam bay in the commercial warehouse where we can continue performing examination on all types of vehicles.

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Road map locations of Carway, Coutts and Del Bonita POEs, AB:



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Pacific Region

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Combined Conveyance Counts

# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-11	2022-02-12
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
Pacific Highway Travellers	551	525	400	4
Pacific Highway Commercial	730	542	440	4
Douglas Travellers	975	898	1,322	1,403
Aldergrove Travellers	135	158	200	174
Aldergrove Commercial	39	17	224	207
Abbotsford Travellers	162	57	193	210
Abbotsford Commercial	90	149	224	327
Osoyoos Travellers	59	58	49	59
Kingsgate Traveller	46	38	47	50
Kingsgate Commercial	127	91	145	93
Corridor Total	2,914	2,533	3,244	2,531
Corridor Difference			11%	0%
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Pacific Highway

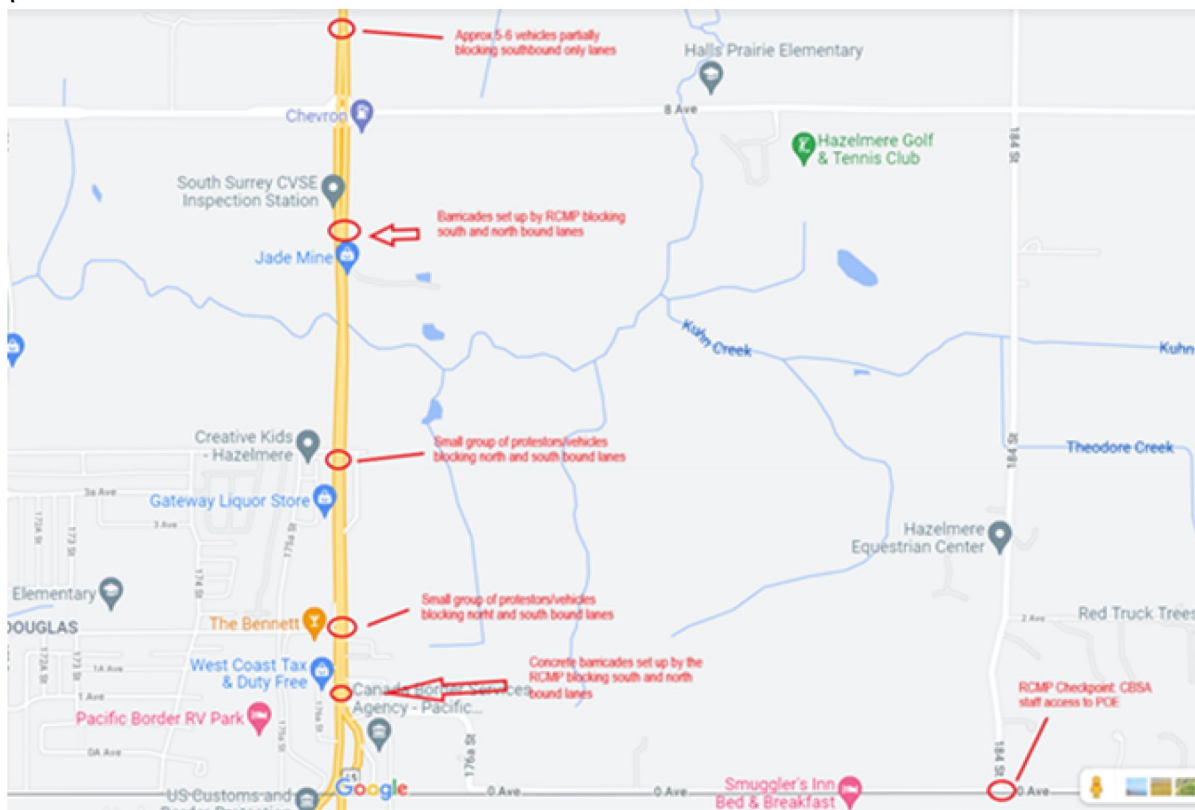
~ As of 1300 ET, the follow update has been provided:

Current blockades

- ~ 1st Avenue & 176th (just off POE property) – appears no remaining vehicles, but challenging to see around all the RCMP vehicles
- ~ Just south of 4th (across from scales) small group of vehicles/trailer remain blocking northbound/southbound 176th Street.

- Protestors and vehicles are also blocking northbound and southbound lanes at 2nd Ave and 176th Street.
- Appears more vehicles/trucks are parked southbound on 176th blocking lanes (just north of 8th Avenue) – approx. 10 now
- Pacific Highway Traffic & Commercial still have ongoing service disruption and traveller and commercial vehicles continue to be diverted to other POE's.
- RCMP are still restricting access at various points along 176th Street (16th Ave, 8th Ave, 1st Ave)
- RCMP have set up barricades blocking north and south bound lanes at 2 area's along 176th Street:
 - Just south of the Visitor Centre (south of 8th Ave)
 - At 1st Ave and 176th Street

Updated map of Pacific Highway POE



Patterson

- As of 1521 ET, approximately 8 protesters on site. All protesters and vehicles remain off and adjacent to CBFA property. One lane, 2 way traffic flowing unimpeded both to and from POE.
- As of 1349 ET the region reports there is some chatter around logistics and planning for the weather tomorrow by bringing supplies to the protest site.
- Regional Intel will remain engaged and further updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

Intelligence and Enforcement

Intelligence Landscape (Updates in red)

BLUF: At this time (14 February 2022:1430), the overall threat to CBFA officers and infrastructure is low.

- There has been a significant operational impact that may result in a threat to Canada's economic security and prosperity.

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ANALYSIS:

General Threats

- **No update.** CBSA - SOR has received multiple threats from an individual threatening to 'wage war' in Canada and that they will attend the protest in Ottawa. The individual also threatens that 'no border can stop him'. These threats remain uncorroborated. Intelligence Alert produced by SOR I&E and a lookout has been issued.
- **No update.** According to the RCMP, no formal organized plot of violence has been identified. Factors such as the circulation of misinformation, exhaustion, substance abuse, altercations amongst protesters and with law enforcement and the influence of ideologically motivated actors or charismatic speakers may impact the temperature of the crowd. The potential for violence by a lone actor or fringe group cannot be discounted.

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POE Threats

- An ongoing analysis of SRT reporting, OSINT, s.37 [REDACTED] indicates that there are no credible threats currently identified for any POE.
- ICAP continues to monitor open source and social media (Google, BabelStreet, Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, TikTok etc). for any chatter on planned protests at or near CBSA POEs, and will provide updates as they become available. No credible threats have been identified.
- As of 00:00 on 14FEB2022 The Ambassador Bridge POE has reopened. Local police are holding the streets clear of protestors to enable Canada-bound traffic to cross the bridge. No credible threats have been identified.
- **No update.** There have been small protests on the US side near multiple POEs, in particular near the Peace Bridge, however there have been no impacts to any POE movement on the US side.
- RCMP have arrested 11 people at the US border crossing at Coutts, Alta., after becoming aware of a cache of firearms and ammunition. Police say a small organized group within the protest was said to have a "willingness to use force against the police if any attempts were made to disrupt the blockade." CBSA Intel is liaising with Regional Intel to assess if there is an IMVE motive. ICAP is continuing to monitor the situation.

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Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE)

- **No update.** On 14FEB2022 at 09:00, information received s.38 [REDACTED] regarding an individual in Germany who reported to s.3 [REDACTED] that he and a group of freedom fighters will attack two schools in Ontario in the next few weeks. CBSA indices checks are non-resultant. No open source info is available on the individual. Threat is being assessed and RCMP are aware.
- According to RCMP reporting (14FEB2022 - update 147): a post from a Telegram account linked to Romana Didulo is calling for the arrest of federal cabinet ministers, provincial premiers, and health officers (federal, provincial and municipal). Didulo calls for the removal of all participants in the Freedom Convoy and the arrest of their financiers. Didulo also demands the disabling of security for government buildings; "Disable and change all Government Offices [sic] buildings security (access and exit codes). Prepare all of these buildings for I AM Queen Romana's visit (to enter and inspect)." Didulo has amassed approximately 76,500 followers in Canada and the US on her Telegram account. As such, there is a potential for her US followers to seek entry into Canada to follow through on her 'demands'.
- **No update.** SOR reporting indicates information received by partners concerning a potentially inadmissible person (A37 Org. Crim.) who may be arriving this evening from Europe to attend protest events in Windsor. Development efforts remain ongoing with NTC and enforcement partners. ICAP has followed up with SOR Intel. IMS reports reviewed; individual was expected to arrive from Brussels or Turkey on 12 Feb 2022, at this time there are no reports to indicate the individual has made an attempt to enter Canada.

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Other Threats

- **Ongoing threat.** The size, unorganized potential and general distraction of some these POE protests continue to create conditions where both criminal actors and migrants may use the events to illegally cross the border into Canada. This may also include protesters who wish to join events on the Canadian side of the border, but do not want to report to Border Service Officers.

Law Enforcement Partner Engagement Summary

POE Name	Province	POE	Designated Commercial Office	Status	Police of Jurisdiction	POJ Notified	POJ Present	Active Operational Plan	Additional Request from POJ
Pacific Highway	BC	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	Yes	TBD	TBD
Douglas	BC	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
Abbotsford/Huntington	BC	Yes	Yes		Abbotsford PD	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
Coutts	AB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes	TBD	TBD
North Portal	SK	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
Emerson	MB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes	TBD	TBD
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sarnia	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes	TBD	TBD
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	TBD	TBD
Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes	Yes		Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	TBD	TBD
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	TBD	TBD
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes		Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
Niagara (Queenston)	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes	TBD	TBD
Lansdowne	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
St-Bernard-de-Lacolle	QC	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
Stanstead	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
St-Armand/Phillipsburg	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No	TBD	TBD
Woodstock	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
St.Stephens	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	Yes	No	Yes	N/A

Communications

- No update at this time

Other Governmental Departments and Media

Civil Aviation – NOTAMs in effect:

- NOTAM is in effect until 14 Feb for airspace restrictions over Winnipeg, MB.
- NOTAM is in effect until 14 Feb for airspace restrictions over Windsor, ON.
- NOTAM is in effect until 14 Feb for airspace restrictions over Fredericton, NB
- NOTAM is in effect until 23 Feb for airspaces restriction over Milk River and Coutts, AB.
- **NOTAM is in effect until 28 Feb for airspace restrictions over Ottawa, ON.**
- **NOTAM is still in effect until 23 Feb for airspace restrictions over Emerson, MB.**

Media:

- ["Freedom Convoy" Occupation Highlights Canada's Security Challenges \(justsecurity.org\)](https://justsecurity.org/)
- [Trucker convoy: Trudeau talking to premiers, MPs | CTV News](#)
- [Ambassador Bridge reopens with heavy police presence around former protest site | CBC News](#)

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